

Smart Schools

Western New York Regional
Information Center



***NYSED Approval
Letter Required***



Investment Plan

Important Note: The Smart Schools Investment Plan (SSIP) and NYSED Instructional Technology Survey are two separate, unique tools. If a district is purchasing technology as part of the Smart Schools Program, the plans should align and the SSIP should reference the district's Instructional Technology Survey.



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Smart Schools Sub-Allocations by Category



School
Connectivity



Connectivity
Projects for
Communities



Classroom
Technology



Replace
Transportable
Classrooms



Pre-
Kindergarten
Classrooms



High-Tech
Security
Features



Smart Schools Investment Plan Process (SSIP) – Checklist

- ☐ Complete NYSED Instructional Technology Survey
- ☐ Submit to WNYRIC for Review and Certification
- ☐ Submit to NYSED after Certified by the RIC (Due October 16, 2015)
- ☐ Receive Approval Letter from NYSED – Needed for SSIP submission
- ☐ Post NYSED Tech Survey or Comprehensive Technology Plan on District Website
- ☐ Develop Draft Smart Schools Investment Plan – BOE Approval
- ☐ Post SSIP Plan on District Website (30 days prior to public hearing) – District postal address for written response listed on website
- ☐ Provide Notice to Public Regarding Hearing Date - 2 weeks prior to hearing – through local media and district website
- ☐ Host Public Hearing (this can be part of a normal BOE meeting)
- ☐ Receive Community Feedback
- ☐ Revise and Finalize SSIP Based on Feedback
- ☐ Receive Approval from District Board of Education
 - ☐ Note: If the SSIP needs to go through the Office of Facilities Planning, the Preliminary Review must be done before submission of the SSIP through the Portal as a project number will need to be provided.
- ☐ Submit Plan through SSIP Portal within SEDDAS Business Portal
- ☐ Receive Approval from Smart Schools Review Board
- ☐ Receive Approval from Appropriate NYSED Offices as Needed
- ☐ Post SSIP Plan to District Website
- ☐ Begin Purchase and Implementation Plan
 - ☐ Note: Reimbursement Model: It may take 60-90 days for the district to receive monies after submitting for reimbursement.
- ☐ Resubmit Additional Investment Plans for Approval as Needed

*Please note that these processes may change pending the release of further guidance.

WNYRIC Resources

- ✓ Regularly Posted Planning Resources
- ✓ Awareness Sessions – Oct 5th & Ongoing
- ✓ List Serv & Website - <http://wnysmartschools.weebly.com/>
- ✓ Project Coordination
- ✓ Implementation Conversation – Per Hour as Requested
- ✓ Investment Portal Orientation – Per Hour as Requested

Future Resources – Smart Schools Review Board

The Smart Schools Review Board is designing a series of webinars to provide more information to school districts about the program, related requirements, and processes. Possible topics include:

- Best Practices for Inclusion of Non-Public Schools
- Best Practices for Stakeholder Involvement
- Investment Plan Portal Navigation
- Capital and Non-Capital Projects Processes
- Broadband: Federal and State Programs
- Practical Approaches to Connecting Communities
- Eligible Technology Aligned with the Four Focus Areas:
Broadband, Learning Technology, Security, and Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms

NYSED Website - http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtserv/smart_schools/

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